

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK BOARD
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, April 10, 2024

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board held a meeting at the Horning's Mills Community Hall on the 10th day of April 2024 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Bill Neilson, Jim Hill, Nanci Malek, and Lynn Hodgson.

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor/Chair McLean called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Deputy Mayor McLean recited the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ADDITIONS:

Councillor Neilson requested to add to the agenda the discussion of the foul lines at the ball diamond. Deputy Mayor McLean requested to discuss the formation of a Melancthon Day agenda, as well as discuss the One Room Schoolhouse Project and the Heritage Home Plaque Program.

DELETIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of the amended agenda was moved by Malek, seconded by Hill. Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:

The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, were reviewed and approved as circulated – moved by Hill, seconded by Deputy Mayor McLean. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

None

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Finances

Deputy Mayor McLean reported that the Park Board's recommendation to Council to distribute the Mulmur-Melancthon Recreation Reserve between the Corbetton and Horning's Mills Park Boards had been approved. The Horning's Mills Park Board will be receiving \$6,500.

Priorities for 2024

Beautification

Janet Burke, a resident of Horning's Mills, has expressed interest in developing flower beds at the pavilion/main entrance to the park. Deputy Mayor McLean will follow up to confirm.

Shed for Baseball Storage

Mansfield Minor Ball has been storing equipment in the locked room at the pavilion. This entails moving the equipment regularly back and forth between the pavilion and the diamond. The organization has

inquired if they could put a garden shed to use for storage along the north fence line. The shed would need to be secure and of good quality. The Board approved having a shed and will request that Mansfield Minor Ball fund the shed completely.

Melancthon Day June 22, 2024

Promotions

Malek reported that advertising for Melancthon Day had begun on social media with a "Save The Date" notice on Facebook. Deputy Mayor McLean and Malek will design the official poster for the event. The Board plans on advertising on Country 105 radio.

Fireworks

Malek confirmed that Troy Gallimore is booked for the fireworks display at a cost of \$1,500. The \$250 increase from last year will lengthen the duration of the fireworks show.

Beer Garden

It was verified that Mono Centre Brewing Co. and GoodLot Farmstead Brewing Co. will be in attendance for Melancthon Day. The beer garden will function from 5:00 pm until 10:30 pm, with last call at 10:15 pm. Deputy Mayor McLean reported that the Public Works Department will put up the necessary snow fence for the site, located by the live band. NDACT volunteers will supervise the one main entrance to the beer garden. \$1 from the sale of each drink will be donated to NDACT. Malek is waiting to hear from the OPP with regards to providing security. Malek has requested a letter of support from the Township, which is needed to obtain a Special Occasion Permit at a cost of \$150. Deputy Mayor McLean will follow up with Denise Holmes.

Food Trucks

Malek reported that Knox United Church from Caledon was interested in selling homemade butter tarts at the event. Councillor Neilson will follow up.

Councillor Neilson will reach out to Blitzful Treats from Shelburne. Hodgson suggested that they not sell hamburgers and hot dogs, as the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department BBQ will be offering those for purchase.

Deputy Mayor McLean reported that The Wood Smoke Shack from Honeywood was interested and will reach out to confirm.

Music

The Dufferin County Line band has been booked at a cost of \$1,000. The Park Board will be covering \$500 of the cost and NDACT the remaining half.

Other

Deputy Mayor McLean will reach out to Mansfield Minor Ball to see if there are a couple of teams interested in playing a game that afternoon.

Deputy Mayor McLean reported that the Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee would like to set up a table displaying their One Room Schoolhouse Project and the Heritage Home Plaque Program.

Hodgson will make 125 candy kabobs to sell.

Deputy Mayor McLean is brainstorming as to how to revamp the First Responders' Challenge.

During Melancthon Day, a nominated community member will be announced and awarded with a plaque in recognition of their leadership role.

NDACT will be hosting a Krispy Kreme Donut order table.

Councillor Neilson will inquire about having an extra porta potty as well as a hand-washing station for the day of the event.

Deputy Mayor McLean will follow up with Sarah Culshaw concerning if an invoice was received from We The Bounce and if the holding deposit has been made.

Deputy Mayor McLean will inquire if the Horning's Mills Hall Board is interested in organizing and running a children's play station again this year.

The tables (14) and chairs (112) from the hall would be used for the beer garden. Councillor Neilson will make a request that the Public Works Department transport the tables and chairs to the park and help set them up. Hill to oversee the transporting and maintaining of both.

Other/Additions

Deputy Mayor McLean will draft an agenda for Melancthon Day to present at the next meeting.

Councillor Neilson brought forward for discussion the concerns raised by various community members on Facebook with regards to the placement of the foul line posts at the park. The posts were placed as requested by Mansfield Minor Ball Association.

Hodgson mentioned the absence of all garbage cans at the park. Deputy Mayor McLean will follow up with Public Works.

Draft drawings of a new similar pavilion have been submitted to Melancthon Township, which include a cement patio area with a retractable awning roof. Hodgson suggested that the new pavilion have a water wheel/mill aspect that would tie in the history of the village. Deputy Mayor McLean reported that money has been set aside to obtain engineered drawings.

Councillor Neilson mentioned the deteriorating fence surrounding the park and the cost of replacing it. A grant would be needed to fund this, and it would be appropriate to incorporate an enclosed dog park area at the time of construction.

The declining status of the "Horning's Mills Community Park Est. 1930" sign located near the children's play equipment was discussed. Deputy Mayor McLean will draft the design of a new sign and obtain a quote for the next meeting.

CONFIRMATION MOTION:

Moved by Malek, seconded by Councillor Neilson. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at the Horning's Mills Community Park, weather permitting, on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Moved by Hodgson, seconded by Malek. Carried.